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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the November 23, 2001, written restriction requirement, Applicant provisionally elects the invention of Group I (claims 1-17, 23 and 24) with traverse.

With respect to the restriction between Groups I through VIII, applicant submits that the subject matter of these groups are closely related, and, therefore, would require common areas of search and consideration. There are two criteria for restriction, namely, (1) the invention must be independent and distinct; and (2) there must be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is not required. See MPEP § 803. Applicant contends that searching the allegedly distinct inventions of Groups I and II would not place a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is not required.

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